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SUBJECT: U.S. FLYING CLUB PLANE CROSSES MDL

1. EVENING JULY 24 PILOT FROM OSAN AERO CLUB FLYING CESSNA 150 AIRCRAFT WENT OFF COURSE AND CROSSED MILITARY DEMARCATION LINE (MDL). PILOT WAS STUDENT WITH LESS THAN 40 HOURS FLIGHT TIME. ACCORDING 314 AIR DIVN, PLANE CROSSED MDL GOING NORTH AT 1808, LOCAL TIME TURNED SOUTH AT 1813, AND RE-ENTERED ROK AT 1819. MAXIMUM PENETRATION INTO NORTH KOREA COULD HAVE BEEN AS MUCH AS 4.8 NAUTICAL MILES. NORTH KOREAN GUARD POSTS FIRED ESTIMATED 500 ROUNDS SMALL ARMS AT AIRCRAFT. PLANE LANDED AT OSAN 1905. POST FLIGHT INSPECTION REVEALED ONE SMALL CALIBRE BULLET/SCHRAPNEL HOLE IN RUDDER. PILOT WAS NOT INJURED.

2. TWO ROK F86S WERE SCRAMBLE FROM KIMPO TO INTERCEPT PLANE COMING SOUTH BUT WERE CALLED BACK WHEN AIRCRAFT IDENTIFIED.

3. FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT BY UNC/MAC TO NORTH AT 2252 JULY 24, 1974:

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QUOTE. TO SENIOR MEMBER, MAC KPA/CPV SIDE:

AS A RESULT OF DISORIENTATION ON 24 JULY 1974, AT APPROXIMATELY 1808 HOURS, AN UNACCOMPANIED PRIVATE PILOT FLEW AN UNARMED CIVILIAN SPORTS TYPE AIRCRAFT ACROSS THE MILITARY DEMARCATION LINE IN THE VICINITY OF CO-ORDINATES 38 DEGREES 03' 30" NORTH, 126 DEGREES 53' 20" EAST AND PENETRATED A SHORT DISTANCE INTO YOUR AIR SPACE. UPON REALIZING HIS ERROR, THE PILOT REVERSED HIS COURSE IMMEDIATELY, RETURNING TO OUR SIDE AT APPROXIMATELY 1819 HOURS, RECROSSING THE MILITARY DEMARCATION LINE IN THE VICINITY OF CO-ORDINATES 38 DEGREES 01' 10" NORTH, 126 DEGREES 51' 00" EAST.

WE REGRET THIS INADVERTANT INTRUSION INTO YOUR AIR SPACE AND APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION IN PERMITTING A SAFE RETURN OF THE INNOCENT AIRCRAFT. WE WILL TAKE ALL REASONABLE MEASURES POSSIBLE TO PREVENT RECURRENCE OF SUCH INCIDENTS. FROM SENIOR MEMBER, MAC/UNC SIDE. UNQUOTE.

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